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1.

Transportation Agencies of the KVP and their Personnel. ¹

Designation of Agency or
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Occupied by

a. IX Administration
(Traffic)

Chief

Colonel Heinrich Watzdorf

Adjutant

Lieutenant Harzburger (fnu)

(1) Operations Department

Chief

Lieutenant Colonel Rudolf Taeuber

Assigned (Diensthabender Offizier)

Senior Lieutenant Gerhard Roething

Assigned

Senior Lieutenant Heinrich Bratz

Assigned

Senior Lieutenant Kuhlke (fnu)

Assigned

vacant

(2) Planning Department

Chief

Captain Siegfried Graefe

Assistant (Sachbearbeiter)

vacant

Assistant

vacant

(3) Technical Department

Chief

Captain Fritz Karras

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In charge of bridges

Senior Lieutenant Lindemann (fnu)

In charge of roads and water

Senior Lieutenant Rolf Neuhaus

Assistant

vacant

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(4) Department for General Affairs

Chief

Captain Blohm (fnu)

Assistant

vacant

(5) Classified Materials Section

Chief

Lieutenant Heinz Schloeffel

Typist

a civilian

b. Transportation Departments (TAs)

(1) TA Berlin

Chief

Captain Robert Wachner

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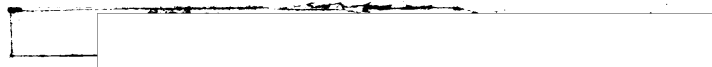
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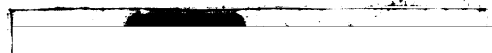


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- (4) Folders containing information on waterways and ports were being established. ⁸
- e. The following information must be furnished every month by RBDs to TAs:
- (1) Stores of ties and rails and their location
 - (2) Availability of equipment required for loading operations such as mobile loading ramps, loading gangways, gangplanks to be used for the entraining of personnel outside railroad stations, material required for the construction of emergency loading ramps, particularly for the loading of tanks, wire ropes, wire, nails, wooden wedges for the steadying of vehicles on railroad cars, and all material required for the conversion of boxcars into troop cars. ⁹
- f. All KVP units must carry out at least two entraining or detraining exercises per year. The units involved will be briefed by TA officers for these exercises.
- g. In the event of war, it is planned to mount a four-barreled swivel AA gun on two cars of each military train. Each gun crew consists of one NCO and four privates. An anti-aircraft scout will also be placed on each of the two cars. One of these cars runs immediately behind the locomotive, the other one at the end of the train. The employment of the cars mounting AA weapons is to be controlled by TAs. The railroad cars designed for the mounting of AA weapons are manufactured at the LWA plant at Wilda near Koenigswusterhausen. The TAs will also control the employment of AAA units protecting specific railroad stations. ¹⁰
- h. Mobile loading ramps are classified as individual units or sets. A set of ramps consists of four mobile units which have a load capacity of about 30 tons. These ramps are the same as those previously used by the Wehrmacht. ¹¹
- i. The six military bridges still in use in the area of RBD Berlin are to be dismantled in the course of 1955. The military bridge equipment will be preserved by the Reichsbahn and then kept at the disposal of TA Berlin. ¹²
3. The Planning Department of the IX Administration was working on a manual covering military rail transportation operations. The designation of this manual which closely follows a corresponding Soviet manual is T 54. The Soviet manual was translated and modified on the basis of experiences made with the provisional transportation manual T 53. The difference between the Soviet and German railroad systems was taken into consideration. The manual is already in the press. The following definitions and features of the manual were remembered:
- Entladerraum (detraining point) and Beladerraum (entraining point) designate the places where detraining or entraining operations take place. Warteraum (waiting position). This room is used to designate areas within visibility of the detraining or entraining points. From the waiting position the personnel and equipment to be entrained moves at maximum speed to trains for entrainment without delay. Waiting positions are to be selected so as to meet the requirements of modern warfare. Normally, the distance between waiting positions and detraining or entraining points is from 400 to 600 meters. Sammelraum (assembly area). Normally the assembly area is between 1.5 and 2 km from a waiting position. Units and equipment move to waiting positions as soon as space becomes available there in the process of entraining operations. Bereitschaftsraum (staging area). Normally the staging area is three or four km from the assembly area. The staging area receives major units scheduled to be entrained. Technical railroad facilities which must be available in entraining areas include interlocking installations, loading ramps, switches by which all lights at railroad stations may be switched off if entraining operations take place at or near railroad stations, telephone facilities, slit trenches, level railroad crossings, loading and unloading facilities. Every railroad station at which military detraining or entraining operations are scheduled to take place must be inspected by an officer of the unit involved and an officer of the Operations Department of a TA. Under peace-time

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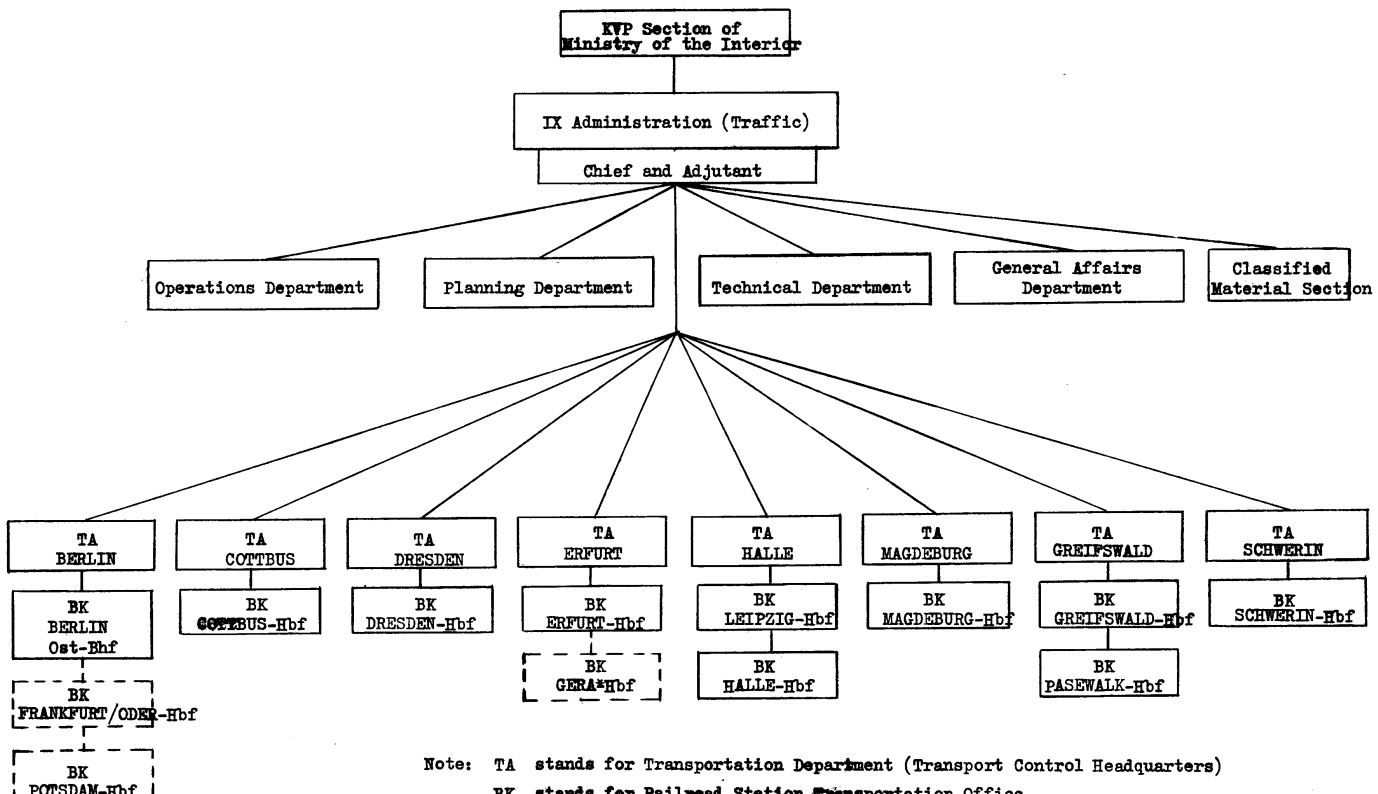
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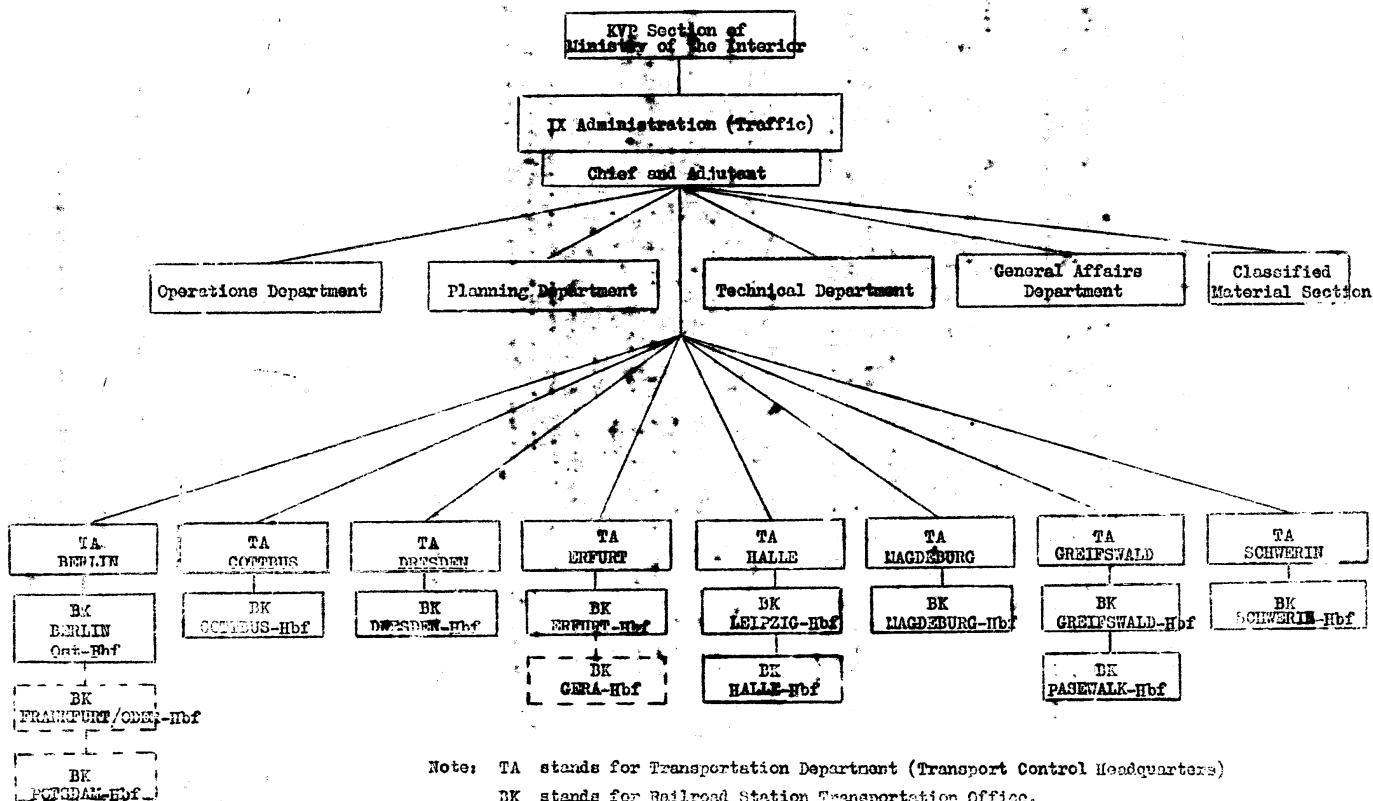
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Organizational Setup of the IX Administration of the KVP



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